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To all Members of Fairmilehead Parish Church

Dear Member/ Friend,

ROOF REPAIR, REFURBISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE FUND:

RAISE (FOR) THE ROOF APPEAL

We hope our letter finds you and your loved ones well.

We are writing to you to seek your support with a significant project.

As many of you will be aware, we have been experiencing, for some time, a number of leaks in the roof of our Church Centre. Attempts to repair the damage have been unsuccessful, and the situation has deteriorated – to the extent that we now have volumes of water flooding into the corridor and halls.

Following advice from our Property Committee, who have employed an architect, we need to commission **significant** repair work to the roof to make it watertight.

A tendering exercise has been completed, and we are now at a point when the work can commence. Given the scale of the work required, the repairs are expected to cost in the region of £200,000.

This is a significant sum, and well beyond the funds available to the Church for maintenance and, once we have drawn from our much depleted reserves, we will need to raise an additional £150,000 to fund the work that is required.

Parish Minister

Rev Cheryl McKellar-Young

A fundraising committee has been formed, and is currently exploring potential funding sources,

including grants.

As a congregation, we hope that you too will prayerfully consider how you may help us to fund

these repairs by making a donation to our Raise (for) the Roof Appeal at this time as, without

your help, we will not be able to raise the amount required.

If 300 members/ households were to donate, for example, £350 each, we would be able to raise

£105,000. You may be able to donate more, due to savings from untaken holidays, restaurant

trips or cinema outings over the past year, but every donation, however large or small, would be

gratefully received.

Your donation can either be a lump sum or you can make a number of additional regular

payments over the coming months - details on how to make your contribution are provided on

the attached forms. All donations will be ringfenced to fund the roof repairs as well as the

repairs and redecoration of the internal areas of the Church Centre which have been damaged by

water. This will include replacing the carpet in the foyer areas, and any other associated

maintenance.

This is an important project, and one that will ensure that our Church Centre can continue to

remain open, offering important and safe facilities for the people in our Parish and beyond for

many years to come.

We hope that you will be able to help us. Further fundraising activity will take place in the months

ahead, as we emerge from restrictions - please look out for further updates, including how you

can volunteer to help.

Yours in Christ,

Your Minister and Session Clerk

Cheryl and Pamela